

Supplement 5: Descriptives regarding videoconferencing use

For a detailed description of the six types of VC collaboration see Table 1.

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1. Expert MDTM-National								
Axford et al. (2002)	United Kingdom (UK)	<i>Describe VC</i>	Review of audit form on cost, attendance and technical features	<u>Patient</u> : mean 4.8 cases in 42 VCs <u>HP</u> : mean 15 staff of which 8 participants in 42 VCs	W	Breast, lung, colorectal, esophageal, gastric	At	Nov 2000 to Oct 2001
Billingsley et al. (2002)	USA	<i>Describe VC</i>	Review of case records	<u>Patient</u> : 85 cases; 38% referred to cancer centre; improved access to multidisciplinary care <u>HP</u> : improved referral coordination	Bw	Head-and-neck, lung, colon, leukaemia, other	At, Pc	2000-2001

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Bumm et al. (2002)	Germany	Describe VC	<i>Review of databases</i>	<u>Patient</u> : 3298 cases (2438 patients); 1 case in 5 min. <u>HP</u> : duration VC 30-35 min.	D	Esophagus, stomach, pancreas, colon, liver, rectum	At	Oct 1999 to Feb 2002
Delling et al. (2002)	Germany	Describe VC	<i>Review of databases</i>	<u>Patient</u> : 121 cases; 27 cases had frozen section pathology of which in 24 the concept diagnosis was correct <u>HP</u> : improved safety of diagnostic process; training for less experienced colleagues	W	Bone	At	Aug 2001 to May 2002*
Niemeyer et al. (2003)	Germany	<i>Describe VC</i>	<i>Review of databases</i>	<u>Patient</u> : 190 cases; 51 cases had frozen section pathology: 39 diagnostic and 12 during surgery, in which 11 showed tumour free surfaces <u>HP</u> : duration VC 45 min.	W	Bone	At	Aug 2001 to Feb 2003*
Bauman et al. (2005)	Canada	Feasibility of VC for regional participation	Survey among participants	<u>Patient</u> : mean 5 cases in 6 VCs <u>HP</u> : 1 case in 20 min.; in 60% of cases recommendations for change were made; clinical research associates attended VC to recruit for clinical trials (40% eligible) Survey: 17 of 21 SVs returned	M	Prostate, bladder, renal, testicular	At	Jan 2003 to June 2003
Norum et al. (2006)	Norway	Feasibility of VC and e-mail	<i>Review of case records</i>	<u>Patient</u> : 5 cases <u>HP</u> : 78% educational VC, costs were lower at > 12 VCs per y; 84% of 32 planned VCs succeeded	W	Breast, colorectal	Pc	Nov 2002 to Nov 2003
Dickson-Witmer et al. (2008)	USA	<i>Describe VC</i>	<i>Review of case records</i>	<u>Patient</u> : PET-scan 14-21 ds reduced to 7 d, CT 7 ds to 1 ds <u>HP</u> : 6-8 cases discussed with 40 HPs in 1 h; compliance to treatment standards was in 2004 92% and in 2006 to 95% for recommendations given; clinical trial accrual increased from 9.9% in 2001 to 20% in 2006	W	CNS, breast, chest, gynaecological, genitourinary, lymphoma	At	2006

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Salami et al. (2015)	USA	Evaluate VC	Review of databases	<u>Patient</u> : 116 cases, of which 41% in VC; in VC more were $\geq 65$ years (29%), had higher degree of comorbidity (79%) and had portal hypertension (49%) compared to cases in FtF (15%, 44%, and 28%) <u>HP</u> : waiting time to diagnosis VC (median 26 d) vs FtF (median 63 d); in VC multidisciplinary (92%) and guideline driven evaluations (100%) vs FtF (65% and 75%)	W	HPB	At	2009 to 2013
Thillai et al. (2016)	UK	Evaluate VC for early referral	Review of databases	<u>Patient</u> : 159 cases; 42% referred at initial diagnosis <u>HP</u> : in 22 of 53 not referred cases, imaging was not available for evaluation	2W	Colorectal with liver metastases	At	2012, 6 months
Wilson et al. (2016)	Australia	Feasibility VC	Review of case records	<u>Patient</u> : mean 8.7 cases in 18 VCs (2010) vs mean 8.0 cases in 25 VCs (2011) <u>HP</u> : 28% increase in cases in 2011 due to improved administrative support; waiting time to case discussion in MDTM from referral (standard 14 d) mean 28% to 42%	Bw	Upper GI	At, Pc	Jan 2010 to Dec 2011
Powell et al. (2018)	USA	Feasibility VC for molecular profiling	Prospective cohort Molecular Profiles Tumour response and patient survival	<u>Patient</u> : 109 of 120 cases profiled; 16% of patients declined recommended treatment and preferred palliative care in a hospice, because they were too ill; tumour response and survival (n=16) in genome clinical trials were similar to that (n=16) receiving Food and Drug Administration off-label treatment <u>HP</u> : 58% of patients heard recommendations on their treatment plan from their treating physician in the community setting	2W	Advanced solid tumours	At	June 2014 to Dec 2015

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Rosell et al. (2019)	Sweden	Evaluate VC	Survey among participants Observation of behaviour	<u>Patient</u> : - <u>HP</u> : meeting observational tool assesses functionality and participants' contribution to the case discussion: high scores for case histories, leadership, and teamwork; lower scores for patient-centred care and involvement of care professionals for national VC MDTM <u>Survey</u> : 125 of 241 SVs returned of which 87% MDs (56% surgery, 26% medical oncology, paediatric oncology 10%, radiology 6% and pathology 2%), 11% nurse, medical secretaries 2%	W	Esophageal, HPB, anal, vulvar, penile, childhood cancer	At, Pt	May 2017 to May 2018
Brandl et al. 2020	UK – Ireland	Evaluate VC	Data base review Follow-up for survival information	<u>Patient</u> : mean 4.6 new cases in 34 VCs; 35 patients were discussed more than once; 19 of 22 had complete cytoreduction of cancer cells after surgery <u>HP</u> : effective selection for specialised, expensive treatment (87% diagnosis confirmed)	M	Peritoneal mesothelioma (GI)	At	Mar 2016 to Dec 2018
Fitzgerald et al. (2020)	Australia - New Zealand	Feasibility VC for review of stereotactic chart use	Review of case records	<u>Patient</u> : 285 cases of which 237 were new <u>HP</u> : 1126 attendances in 12 months from 114 participants of 21 locations including 27 radiotherapists from 13 locations; mean 1.2 recommendations per patient; inverse relationship between VC case load and recommendations ( $p < 0.002$ )	W	CNS, lung, liver, bone, spine	At	July 2018 to July 2019
Pan et al. (2020)	USA	Feasibility VC	Review of case records Survey among referring physicians	<u>Patient</u> : 1585 cases: 60 in 2013 increased to 364 in 2019 <u>HP</u> : implementation of recommendations increased from 18% in 2016 to 48% in 2019 as indicated by respondents; 50% of cases had pathology assessment in 2016, upon extra hire it increased to 95% in 2019 <u>Survey</u> : 6 months (2013): 6 SVs returned; 3 y (2015): 32 SVs returned; 6 y (2019): 54 SVs returned	M - Bw - W	Sarcoma	At	2013 to 2019

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Rosell et al. (2020)	Sweden	Evaluate VC	Survey among participants	<u>Patient</u> : - <u>HP</u> : national level and regional level MDTM is valuable in sharing knowledge for treatment of specialty tumours and complex cases <u>Survey</u> : 125 of 241 SVs returned of which 87% MDs (53% surgery, 26% medical oncology, radiology 6%, pathology 2% and 'none of the name' 14%), 11% nurse	W	Esophageal, HPB, anal, vulvar, penile, childhood cancer	At, Pt	May 2017 to May 2018
<b>2. Expert MDTM-International</b>								
Bharadwaj et al. (2007)	USA – India	Evaluate VC	<i>Review of case records</i>	<u>Patient</u> : 26 cases; 50% had severe pain; 10% was hospitalized; mean care 40 d <u>HP</u> : duration VC 60 – 90 min.; 81 e-mails for follow-up, treatment strategies, doubts and clarifications; 4 text messages for urgent consultation; 11 cases presented in 'Subjective-Objective-Assessment-Plan'-format	3W	77% cancer, <i>not specified</i>	Pc	2006***, 2 months
Qaddoumi et al. (2007)	Jordan – Canada	Feasibility of VC	<i>Review of case records</i>	<u>Patient</u> : mean 3.6 cases in 20 VC; in 23 cases recommendations on treatment plans were significant changes, which were followed in 21; increased survival <u>HP</u> : max. 6 cases per VC; optimal duration of collaboration is unclear	M	CNS	Pt	Dec 2004 to Apr 2006
Qaddoumi et al. (2008)	Jordan – Canada	Evaluate VC	<i>Review of case records</i>	<u>Patient</u> : mean 3.9 cases in 26 VC <u>HP</u> : review of radiation fields in interactive discussion through VC led to better surgery and RT practice	M	CNS	Pt	Dec 2002 to Dec 2006
Amayiri et al. (2018)	Jordan – Canada	Evaluate VC sustainability	Review meeting minutes	<u>Patient</u> : mean 3.6 cases in 20 VCs, 2004-2006; mean 4.9 cases in 33 VCs, 2007-2009; mean 3.8 cases in 32 VCs, 2011-2014; 16 suggestions for molecular testing, 2011-2014 were followed in 6 cases <u>HP</u> : recommendations given in 44% to 30% to 24% of cases; costs VC from 280 to 30 Euro ▲/h	M	CNS	Pt	Dec 2004 to Apr 2006 vs Jan 2007 to Dec 2009 vs Aug 2011 to Apr 2014

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Mayadevi et al. (2018)	India – USA	Feasibility of VC for dysphagia	Review of case records	<u>Patient</u> : mean 1.4 cases in 18 VCs; Functional Oral Intake Scale improved from $1.46 \pm 0.989$ to $3.92 \pm 1.809$ ( $p < 0.0001$ ) <u>HP</u> : recommendations were followed in 22 of 26 patients, neuromuscular electrical stimulation was too costly or logistically impossible	M	Head-and-neck	At	18 months
<b>3. Expert Consultation</b>								
Sezeur et al. (2001)	France	Evaluate VC for transfer of patients	Review of case records Survey among patients	<u>Patient</u> : mean 3.2 cases in 27 VCs; 48 case discussions and 39 second opinions; in 2 of 48 cases treatment plans were changed; patients remembered 80.5% of information given after 24 h <u>HP</u> : saved € 77.85 per patient on transport by ambulance; low speed of connection gave less diagnostic image quality <u>Survey</u> : 16 of 16 SVs returned on VC; 12 of 16 SVs returned on memorization	2W	Gastric	At	Nov 1996 to Mar 1998**
Stalfors et al. (2005)	Sweden	Evaluate costs of FtF vs VC	Health economic analysis Survey among patients	<u>Patient</u> : 50 cases FtF, 68 cases VC <u>HP</u> : cost VC € 236 vs FtF € 263; MDs accompanied patients in 100% of VC-sessions vs 15% of FtF <u>Survey</u> : 39 of 50 FtF vs 45 of 68 VC patient SVs returned	W	Head-and-neck	At	Sept 1998 to Sept 1999
Chekerov et al. (2008)	Germany	Feasibility of VC	Review of case records Survey among participants	<u>Patient</u> : mean 4 cases (range 2-7) in 39 VCs; 144 cases and 121 second opinions <u>HP</u> : mean 17 participants in 39 VCs, who attended median 6 VCs; 98% recommendations were accepted <u>Survey</u> : 43 of 75 SVs returned first; 51 of 75 SVs returned	Bw	Gynaecological	At	Dec 2004 to Aug 2006
Schroeder et al. (2011)	Germany	Evaluate VC	Survey among participants	<u>Patient</u> : mean 3.5 cases (range 1-7) in 131 VCs; 398 second opinions; no hospital visit for second opinion <u>HP</u> : median 14 participants in 131 VCs; 50% VC-participants asked more second opinions <u>Survey</u> : 205 of 275 SVs returned	Bw	Breast, gynaecological	At	Dec 2004 to June 2009

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Seeber et al. (2013)	Italy – Austria	Feasibility of VC	<i>Review of case records (historical vs VC)</i>	<u>Patient</u> : 93 historical, 110 VC; mean 1 case in 104 VCs <u>HP</u> : 8 minor and 20 major treatment plan changes (25%); access to cancer-centre-specific treatment modalities 63 RT treatments in VC vs 34 historical	Bw	Lung	At	May 2003 to Aug 2007 Aug 2007 to May 2011
Stevenson et al. (2013)	USA	<i>Describe VC</i>	Review of case records Survey among participants	<u>Patient</u> : mean 1.7 cases in 10 VCs (2011), 22 cases in 13 VCs (2012) <u>HP</u> : mean 10 participants per VC; 1 case in 30 min.; reduction overall costs of MDTM by VC in rural community <u>Survey</u> : 10 of 20 SVs returned	Bw	Lung	At	2009-2013
Crispen et al. (2014)	Bahamas, Trinidad and Tobago	Evaluate VC for peer review in radiotherapy	Review of case records Survey among participants	<u>Patient</u> : 40 cases, 10 from each tumour type <u>HP</u> : Radiotherapists were satisfied with audio-visual aspects of VC; RT standard has no security or confidentiality guide for VC <u>Survey</u> : 10 of 10 SVs returned	W	Head-and-neck, breast, cervical, prostate	At	July to Nov 2013
Shea et al. (2014)	USA	Feasibility of VC	Survey among participants Interviews among participating specialists Observations of VC	<u>Patient</u> : 15 cases from 6 counties; <u>HP</u> : 14 VCs observed; VC is an opportunity for clinical trial recruitment; valuable discussion of complex cases <u>Survey</u> : 32 of 32 SVs returned <u>Interv.</u> : 28, 16 centre vs 12 community-based	Bw	All	At	Aug 2011 to March 2012
Frappaz et al. (2016)	France	Describe VC national expert consultation	<i>Review of case records</i>	<u>Patient</u> : mean 3.7 cases in 46 VCs; 48% primary tumours <u>HP</u> : VC is an opportunity for clinical trial recruitment; valuable discussion of complex cases	W	CNS	Pt	2015

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Burkard et al. (2017)	USA	Evaluate VC Precision Medicine Molecular Tumour Board	Review of databases	<u>Patient</u> : mean 3.2 case in 23 VCs; 48 cases in registry of which 38 had recommendations and clinical follow-up <u>HP</u> : max. 6 cases in 1 h; mean time referral to presentation 13.5 d; access to clinical trials which aim to find new biomarkers (18 genes); 1 of 14 patients enrolled in clinical trials in the state due to advanced illness, no outside-state trial enrolment	Bw	Breast, gastric, lung	At	Sept 2015 to Sept 2016
Abu Arja et al. (2018)	USA, Latin American countries	Evaluate Latin American VC	Survey among participants	<u>Patient</u> : - <u>HP</u> : 1 h sufficient to discuss requested cases from 20 countries; 39% attendees said sending pathology slides to USA was easy and helpful <u>Survey</u> : 95 of 159 SVs returned (66 frequent attendance, 23 not-frequent, 11 never attended)	W	CNS	Pt	Dec 2017 to Mar 2018***
4. Consultation Specialist - Nurse								
Saysell et al. (2003)	UK	Evaluate VC	Survey among participants Focus groups	<u>Patient</u> : mean 0.9 cases in 29 VCs; 96% cancer <u>HP</u> : mean 5 attendees in 29 VCs; 12 additional monthly educational VCs; 19 symptom control issues discussed <u>Survey</u> : 25 of 26 SVs returned	W	Breast, lung, bladder, prostate, gastric, ovarian	Pc	Oct 2001 to Oct 2005
O'Mahony et al. (2009)	USA	Evaluate VC for Bioethics and QoL	Pre- and post-education test for staff Survey among patients and staff with Palliative Care Outcome Scale (POS)	<u>Patient</u> : enhanced end-of-life care through better knowledge of nursing staff <u>HP</u> : mean 5.5 staff with 1 family member in 13 VCs vs mean 5.8 staff with 0.9 family member in 14 FtFs; up-to 90 min. preparations time in an off-unit conference room; 1 VC rescheduled due to internet problems <u>Survey</u> : 75 POS SVs returned: 33 staff, 23 family caregivers, 19 patients	2M	Not specified	Pc	Mar 2008 to Jan 2009



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Donnem et al. (2012)	Norway	Feasibility of VC	Review of case records Survey among participants	<u>Patient</u> : mean 1.6 cases in 106 VCs; 75% palliative; 82% stayed in community for symptom management (pain management and nutrition) after VC introduction vs 70% before VC <u>HP</u> : median 7 participants in 106 VCs; waiting time for consultation with oncologist at centre reduced with 8 ds to max. 7 ds <u>Survey</u> : 141 of 167 SVs returned	W	Breast, colorectal	At, Pc	Mar 2009 to Sept 2010
Watanabe et al. (2012)	Canada	Feasibility of VC for palliative RT consultation	Prospective case series Survey among participants and patients	<u>Patient</u> : 44 new cases from 29 communities with 28 follow-up visits; 7.96 h saved time, € 149.93 <sup>▲</sup> saved expense per visit <u>HP</u> : 1 new case in 90 min. and 1 follow-up visit in 30 min. in 1 VC; 1 visit completed by telephone due to technical difficulties <u>Survey</u> : 19 of 44 GP SVs returned; 44 of 44 patient SVs returned	W	All	Pc	Jan 2008 tot Mar 2011
5. MDT-Equal								
Delaney et al. (2004)	Australia	Evaluate FtF vs VC	Anthropological analysis of interpersonal interactions Pre- and post-survey among participants	<u>Patient</u> : median 4 cases per VC vs 6 FtF; <u>HP</u> : median 10 participants VC vs 8 FtF; more formal behaviour (less joking) <u>Survey</u> : pre 16 of 27 vs post 16 of 26 SVs returned	W	Breast	At	Feb to July 2000
Savage et al. (2007)	UK	Evaluate VC	<i>Review of case records</i> Survey among participants	<u>Patient</u> : 48 new cases with 182 issues; 29 complex cases <u>HP</u> : timing and frequency of VCs was appropriate (92% and 96%) <u>Survey</u> : 50 of 85 SVs returned	M	Head-and-neck	At	Nov 2003 to June 2006

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Marshall et al. (2014)	United States of America (USA)	Feasibility of VC	Review of case records Survey among participants	<u>Patient</u> : access to cancer centre stayed 7.5 d <u>HP</u> : partner brought 14 of 90 cases by VC; 1 case in 13.1 min. VC vs 8.4 min. FtF (p = .004); 12 of 16 MDTMs used VC during part FtF MDTM <u>Survey</u> : 36 of 36 SVs returned	W	Breast, esophageal, gastric, HPB, colorectal, melanoma, sarcoma	At	4 months
Alexandersson et al. (2018)	Sweden	Evaluate VC costs	Observation of VC Survey among participants	<u>Patient</u> : mean 12.7 cases per VC and FtF-session <u>HP</u> : mean duration VC 68 min. vs FtF 46 min.; 14 of 50 MDTMs used VC during part of FtF MDTM <u>Survey</u> : 104 of 105 SVs returned	W	All but hematologic cancers	At	Feb to July 2016
Van Huizen et al. (2019)	Netherlands	Evaluate VC	Review of case records Observation of VC Interviews among participants	<u>Patient</u> : mean 18.6 cases per VC; 336 cases in 18 VCs got 8 recommendations (2%), that were major or minor changes aimed at optimization of treatment outcome <u>HP</u> : complex cases were discussed more than once; during 61% of VCs all key specialists were present <u>Interv.</u> : 6 specialists, 3 at each site	W	Head-and-neck	At	Sept 2016 to Feb 2017
6. MDTM-Collaborate								
Hunter et al. (1999)	USA, Pacific	Describe web-based VC	Survey among participants Assessment of technical features	<u>Patient</u> : 103 cases; 16 evacuations to cancer centre prevented <u>HP</u> : > 84% cases discussed were major contribution to VC session; audio and image quality: 79% and 100% > good; pathology and radiology imaging: 89% and 75% > good; costs centre vs remote partner € 304 <sup>▼</sup> vs € 511 <u>Survey</u> : 38 of 38 SVs returned	W	All	At	Oct 1996 to Dec 1998
	USA, North Carolina	Describe ISDN VC	Survey among participants Assessment of technical features	<u>Patient</u> : 304 cases <u>HP</u> : > 95% case discussions were major contribution to VC session; audio and image quality: 100% good, pathology and radiology imaging: 95 and 95% > good; costs centre vs remote partners € 250 <sup>▼</sup> vs € 335 <u>Survey</u> : 22 of 25 SVs returned	W	Breast	At	Feb 1998 to Jan 1999

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Olver et al. (2000)	Australia	Evaluate VC	<i>Review of case records</i> Survey among participants and patients	<u>Patient</u> : median 30 cases per y <u>HP</u> : 10 of 17 MDs using VC changed their way of working practice <u>Survey</u> : 20 of 20 participant SVs returned (including 3 nurses); 8 patient SVs returned	W	Breast	At, Pc	1999***, 3 months
Davison et al. (2004)	UK	<i>Describe VC</i>	<i>Review of case records</i>	<u>Patients</u> : 62% (15) cancer cases in 28 VCs; reduced length of stay with 0.67 d <u>HP</u> : range 1-7 cases in 1 VC; surgery access time reduced from 69 ± 38 to 54 ± 26 d; achieved standard treatment within 56 d; increased resection rate from 14.7 to 19.0 per y	W	Lung	At	Nov 2000 to Oct 2001
Kunkler et al. (2006)	UK	Evaluate FtF vs VC	Survey among participants before and in week 28 of the RCT	<u>Patient</u> : - <u>HP</u> : GBI showed positive scores for both FtF and VC, e.g. on decision making and efficiency; minor difference for FtF e.g. less physical resources <u>Survey</u> : 33 of 44 FtF returned (pre VC); 24 of 32 VC (post VC); 11 pre- / post VC returned of same participant	W	Breast	At	Mar 2004 to Apr 2005
Kunkler et al. (2007)	UK	Evaluate FtF vs VC	Participant satisfaction on case discussions Economic evaluation	<u>Patient</u> : median 7 cases in FtF vs 5 in VC; 195 cases in FtF vs 278 VC <u>HP</u> : 28 FtF- and 48 VC-sessions; same confidence level treatment plan decisions; costs were lower at > 40 VCs per y	W	Breast	At	Mar 2004 to Apr 2005
Stevens et al. (2012)	New Zealand	Evaluate FtF vs VC	Review of meeting minutes	<u>Patient</u> : 35% RT-cases VC vs 29% RT-cases FtF <u>HP</u> : no sign. differences FtF vs VC in waiting time from diagnosis to start RT and on % recommended RT vs treatment performed	W	Lung	At	Jan to June 2009
Murad et al. (2014)	Pakistan	Evaluate VC	<i>Review of case records</i>	<u>Patient</u> : mean 3.7 cases, mean 13 min. per case; drop-outs for chemotherapy after surgery reduced from 36% to 19% <u>HP</u> : 31% minor changes, 12% major changes; departmental database was started for management evaluation purposes	W	Breast, gastric, endocrine, skin, soft tissue	At	Nov 2009 to Dec 2011

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Novoa et al. (2016)	Spain	Evaluate occasional vs regular weekly VC	<i>Review of databases</i>	<u>Patient</u> : 563 cases occasional vs 464 cases weekly VC <u>HP</u> : ratio 0.70 thoracic surgery cases / new cases seen in occasional VC went up to 0.87 in weekly VC	W	Lung	At	2008-2010 vs 2011-2013

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